**GREEN WEAKENS** 

WASHINGTON, MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 1906.

PRICE ONE CENT.

AS JUSTICE GOULD

Shows Palpable Signs

of Bitter Disap-

pointment.

NERVOUSLY MOPS BROW

Question as to Ownership

of Money Held to Be

Incidental.

The motion to direct a verdict of not guilty, made by the defense in the case of George E. Green, charged with conspiracy with George W. Beavers to defraud the Government, was this morning overruled by Justice Gould, in Criminal Court, No. 1.

Green heard the reading of the de cision with ill-concealed chagrin. Evi-dently he had expected a favorable rui-

ing from the bench, and not until the jury was excluded, for the purpose of the reading of the opinion, did his hopes seem to droop. While Justice Gould was

reading his opinion, Green was palpably nervous. He rubbed his face and neck

nervous. He rubbed his face and nack nervously with a handkerchief and gave other indications of disappointment.

All the testimony in the case has been submitted and this afternoon counselbegan the argument of prayers for instructions to the jury. These arguments will consume the remainder of the afternoon and the jury has been relieved until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the arguments upon the facts will be made,

The Court's Opinion.

"At the close of the Government's case in chief, counsel for defendant Green have made a motion to direct a verdict

of acquittal. This is based upon two

national Time Recording Company, that upon every time-recording device of the

kind described thereafter ordered from

said company through the procurement

of Beavers, the said International Time

The full opinion of the court was as

nal Court, No. 1

DENIES MOTION

## MITCHELL DENIES PLOTTING TO HELP SOFT COAL OWNERS

Pittsburg Story Charged Conspiracy Against Anthracite Field.

HE WAS TO CALL STRIKE

In Exchange, the Bituminous Operators Were to Promise Raise.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- John Mitchell president of the United Mine Workers of America, denies that he has entered into an agreement with President Rob-hins, of the Pittsburg Coal Company, to

force a strike in the anthracite fields.
Friends of Mr. Mitchell say the re ports to that effect sent out from Pitts burg were inspired by the enemies o the miners' president, with idea of un dermining his strength with the hard

#### What Report Said.

According to Pittsburg dispatches President Robbins informed Mr. Mitchel that unless he forced a strike in the anthracite region the soft coal opera-tors would refuse to continue the "check off" system, by which the operators hold from the miners' pay the amount of the union dues. This sys-tem is not in operation in the hard coal

region.
The "check off" system is of great
aid to the union in maintaining its
strength, and a dicontinuance would be
a hard blow to the union.

#### Aim of Game,

With the hard coal mines shut down the bituminous operators would sell their product in the Eastern market at greatly increased prices.

President Mitchell said this morning that he had had no word from the anthracite operators, and would make no statement. A meeting of the operators to consider jointly the demands, will probably be held tomorrow.

#### Robbins Will Not Ask Roosevelt to Confer

PITTSBURG, March 5 .- "I have no engagement to meet President Roose-velt at the White House, nor do I intend to ask him for a conference," said Chairman Francis L. Robbins, of the Chairman Francis L. Robbins, of the Pittsburg Coal Company, in reply to a query concerning the report that there are to be an important conference at the contended that "Reprinted wherein he conte

week. Operators in the three other competitive States will meet early next week. Each State will likely frame its own demands and the general scale committee will submit an ultimatum to Under the broad interpretation of sec

## WILL BURY SCHOFIELD IN HISTORIC ARLINGTON

dier Are Now Under Con-

was seventy-four years of age and had served as the commander of the army from 1888 until his retiremnt. For many years he spent his summers in Washington and other Eastern cities, but of late made his winter home in Florida. He was a member of the Loyal Legion, having served as its commander-in-chief for two terms.

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

The weather east of the Rocky mains is dominated this morning b The weather east of the Rocky mountains is dominated this morning by an area of high pressure that occupies the Mississippi valley with its crest in Minheaota. An area of low pressure is central over New Mexico and a second low is moving eastward north of Montana. On the Pacific coast and over the Plateau region scattered rain or snow has fallen, and light snow continues along the lower lakes.

The temperatures are generally below the seasonal average.

Rain is probable tonight and Tuesday in the lower Mississippi valley and on Tuesday in the East Gulf States, probably overspreading the lower Ohio

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TEMPERATURE.	5
9 a. m	30
12 noon 1 p. m	36
Sun sets today	
TIDE TABLE.	3:15 p. m.

CHAMPION OF REFORM



His Inquiry Into Franking Privileges Stirred Up the Postoffice Department

# REPRINT MATTER

Cortelyou's Decision Opens Up an Interesting Question.

DR. W. CRAFT'S CRUSADE

His Undoing of an Old Custom May Affect the Coming Congres-

sional Campaign.

President John Mitchell, of the United Cortelyou has opened a question that

Mine Workers, was to attend the confab, according to rumors. No date has been fixed for the meeting of the Pittsburg operators, but an agreement on the date will likely be reached soon.

Independent producers in this district favor getting together some time this week. Operators in the three other rom.

Patriotic Studies," a booklet compiled

under the broad interpretation of section 37 of the printing laws of 1895, the officials of the Reform Bureau, Senators, Representatives, and the public printer alike, construed such transcripts reprinted to be frankable. The attention of Postmaster Merritt was called to the interpretation by Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, secretary of the Reform Bureau.

The chamber of silence, where the delegates are holding their sittings, until the end of the congress.

More probable than that the Germans are scheming to get any title to territory in Europe or anywhere else, is that the Berlin authorities are striving for a commercial prestige that will give semblyman William P. Martin, of New-ark, have taken steps to force an interpretation.

### Dr. Craft's Crusade.

Dr. Crafts now wishes to know wheth if by the recent decision Congressmen re to be permitted to mail under their frank transcripts of speeches in Con-Plans for Interment of Celebrated Sol- particular where a certain Congress- jects He calls attention to one instance in dier Are Now Under Consideration.

Sideration.

The War Department was notified last night of the death of Gen. John M. Schoffield, retired, at his home, St. Augustine, Fla. It is known that the body will be brought to this city for burial at Arlington.

General Schoffield was retired from the United States Army September 29, 1895, with the highest military rank then permitted by Congress, that of lieutenant general. General Schoffield was seventy-four years of age and had

The War Department was notified thousand postal cards, containing brief extracts from the Congressional Record, to his constituents under frank.

Dr. B. B. Bassette, general secretary of the Reform Bureau, when seen today by a reporter for The Times, said:

"We have not been advised of the decision of the Postmaster General. It has been evident, though, that he wo rule that way. The construction he places upon the law is quite contrary to form the United States Army September 29, 1895, with the highest military rank then permitted by Congress, that of lieutenant general. General Schoffield was seventy-four years of age and had

### Postoffice Blamed.

"The chief blame is at the door of the Post Office Department, which has for many years allowed the frankin;

"Whatever willful abuses of the franking privilege have occurred, there is no good reason to suppose that those who have franked reprints of Government documents have not all of them done so in good faith, and with no thought that they were violating any law. The Reform Bureau has been as sincere as the Public Printer in following the same interpretation of the law.
"Congress will no doubt make Sec-

Low tide tomorrow. 4.05 a. m., 5:02 p. m.

High tide tomorrow 10:25 a. m., 11:29 p. m.

Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co.—Adv.

## KAISER HAS MADE MOROCCO DISPUTE **GUESSING CONTEST**

Conference Maintains Its Skirmish for Proxies of Secrecy With True Success.

HOLLAND IS DRAGGED IN COMBINATION IS FEARED

Rumor Says Wilhelm Is Maneuvering for Excuse to Grab Netherlands.

ALGECIRAS, Spain, March 5 .- In pite of the announcements last week that hereafter all meetings and discusions of the internationl conference, in ession here, would be held in the open, of the congress has become a grand guessing contest. The secrecy of the proceedings, among those in attendance at the meeting and the officials at the apitals of the several governments repesented, is being maintained with noteworthy success. Pretty nearly all asser-tions made by those compelled to wait at the door of the council chamber are

guesses pure and simple.
This condition has resulted in a rockng chair debate in European diplomacy and superficially confident claims by wiseacres to knowledge of the exact cause of the apparent halt in the prog-ress of the settlement of the Moroccan dispute. Every man is entitled to his own notion and one is about as well

Eye on Holland Reported.

One of the latest views ventured is hat the Kaiser has had the conference created to make a pretense of yielding to France in order to get an excuse for his own invasion of Holland. This story goes on to say that if the conference hould not afford him a basis of opera-on against Wilhelmina's little kingdom, will then foment trouble in Abyssinia for the same purpose. He knows that he will have to fight to keep Holland, says the story, and is maneuvering for a position that will show him in an attitude of defending himself against the greed of the other powers.

This is considered so poor a piece of reasoning that the men here who do know a little of the minds of the do know a little of the minds of the several European foreign offices, are inclined to laugh. While it is no secret that the Kaiser has always coveted Holland as his one good path to a scaport, he is wise enough to foresee that all Europe would rise against him to defeat his acquiring the Netherlands and a haven for a big German navy, and would nine chances out of ten wallop him. He is not seeking an excuse for a fight in which he would be worsted.

### Something Up His Sleeve.

Emperor William has something up from transcript of the proceedings of former Congresses on the temperance question.

tice of France's position in Morocco, but that anybody has guessed it is doubtful. It is not likely to come out Three." doubtful. It is not likely to come out of the chamber of silence, where the

a commercial prestige that will give
the products of the factories of the empire a long lead, if not a monopoly, in
the comparatively uncultivated markets of northern Africa. Not a few
students of the situation suspect that
Wilhelm is trying to deprive France of
the dominant hold upon Morocco, not
for the pretended reason of opening the
markets to the world, but of getting
them for himself, or rather, his subpire a long lead, if not a monopoly, in
the comparatively uncultivated marsetsigation of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, the Flidelity Trust
Company, and the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. These legislators have charge of bills in their
respective houses to this end.

On Wednesday a battle will be opened
before the joint committee appointed to

### His Campaign in Turkey.

Minor. Germany is building railroads in Falestine and the surrounding country repidly, and her agents are swarming all through the Balkans and Turkey. This grip upon that region was recognized in the widespread belief at one time that the Kaiser would compromise by abandoning his ambitions for Morocco and northern africa in exchange for a free hand in Turkey. He may and he may not be content with this solution of the problem he has himself created. That some such motive is actuating him in refusing to recognize that his efforts to oust France in Morocco are a failure is a bit more probable than some of the other guesses made about his campaign at the conference here.

The interesting prevails that unless the conference here.

has made its first adverse ruling, not against those who have done this on the largest scale but against a philanthropic society of limited purse and therefore of limited mail.

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Exiles of Insurance

### FIFTY NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN DROWNED

TRONDHJEM, Norway, March 5. Sixteen fishing boats of the fleet that has been missing for some days following a severe storm, are still missing. Fifty fishermen have been drowned.

### **One Thousand Dollars**

WILL be given to any Charitable Institution in the District of Columba, if it can be proved that the daily circulation of The Times is not exactly what is claimed in the statements published each evening in these columns.

## AGENTS OF MUTUAL DROPPING PEABODY FOR FISH CRUSADE

Policyholders Now National.

Patrons Afraid Present Officers Are Part of Standard Oil Plan.

NEW YORK, March 5 .- So bitter is the feeling in the agency force of the Mutual Life against the Peabody-Stan dard Oil management, it is asserted by next to nothing of the proceedings of holders fight led by Stuyvesant Fish, the delegates has reached the ears of that many general agents who have been instructed to gather proxies from policyholders for the use of the Pea body proxy committee are in secret volt and preparing to turn them over to the Fish committee instead

agents is causing among the Peabody partisans. admit that if the agents as a body turn against the Peabody management in the Jght for control, which now is on, nothing can save Peabody

#### Both Courting Agents.

Extraordinary effort s are being made to keep the agents in line, but several of the most prominent gen-eral agents in the country are known to be making overtures to and receivng overtures from the members of the Fish policyholders' committee the personnel of which will be an ced this week.

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## Prudential and Allies

the Berlin authorities are striving for Everett Colby, of East Orange, and Asa commercial prestige that will give semblyman William P. Martin, of Newevery postmaster in the country will be

before the joint committee appointed to listen to the arraignment of the insur-ance company, with the object of mak-The chief basis for this supposition is his aggressive campaign for the markets of southeastern Europe and Asia Minor. Germany is building railroads

desirable.

Speaking for his father-in-law, Senator Dryden, president of the Prudential, A. R. Kuser said:

NAPOLEON OF POLICYHOLDERS' FIGHT AGAINST MUTUAL LIFE MANAGEMENT



STUYVESANT FISH,

Who Left Trustees Because Company Refused to Make Thorough Housecleaning

## May Raise Postal Rate On Second Class Matter

Deficit So Large That Something Must Be propositions. First, that the indictment avers that defendant Green agreed with Beavers, in behalf of the Inter-Done—Data May Result in Increased Rates Next Session.

In order to obtain data to correct the the record kept from July to December,

Recording Company would pay to the said George W. Beavers, a commission

week to the chairman of the committee. The Washington policyholders' organization, which is represented in this city by John DeWitt Warner, also probably will be taken in.

Fear Big Three Trust.

Meanwhile, the Peabody management of the Mutual Life and the Orr management of the Mutual Life and the Orr management of the New York Life have the agents out all over the field scurrying for proxies needed to defeat the Fish movement.

Much difficulty is being experienced by many of these agents in convincing the policyholders that it is to their best interest to give proxies to the representation being the policyholders, it is reported by some of the agents, that the real motive of the agents, that the real motive of the agents, that the real motive in the large of publication.

Data Is Desired.

As the result of a provision in the postofice appropriation bill for gather-postofice appropriation of the fact that many second class mail matter as the Government

heavy defect for the Government in the business of carrying second-class mail matter, a provision has been put in the postoffice appropriation bill requiring postmasters to keep a record of the second class mail matter received for six months. It is the intention to have shown that the daily and local weekly newspapers are carried but fifty miles in the mail, on the average. In the case of the magazines and periodicals and weeklies of national circulation, the average is much longer.

Another provision of the postoffice appropriation bill put in by the House committee requires elimination from the mails of many of the second receive, and on the to induce him to secure the purchase of the time clocks by the Postoffice Department, and either did some act to carry out that agreement.

Payment of Money Incidental.

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was in fact the money of Green, or the money of the Time Recording Company,

or whether he received

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Another provision of the postoffice papers, and periodicals of every sort have been received at his office the latter half of the present calendar year, or the first half of the present calendar year, or the first half of the next fiscal year. With his information it will be possible for the House Postoffice Committee to tell just what classes of publications are burdening the mails and causing the Government so much loss in handling second class matter.

The Postoffice Department calculates that last fiscal year it cost \$83,155,366 to handle the second class matter, including such matter as was handled free. The actual revenue from second class matter was \$8,188,647. On an average, it is is estimated that it costs five times as much to transport and handle the average are set where the matter in the same light is estimated that it costs five times as much to transport and handle the average are arrested this morning for stealing Sunday newspapers by Precinct Detective Cox of the Third precinct.

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Exiles of Insurance

Living High in Paris

PARIS, March 5.—The colony of American insurance men is growing rapidly and boulevardiers are beginning to wonder if it is not likely that an attempt will be made my these extends the company here. James H. Hyde, who is the chief figure among the American insurance colonists, is cutting quite a social figure in Paris. He is a constant attendant at the opera and has fallen into the habit of giving quite little diment on the figures in the artistic and literary fields. Judge Andrew Hamilton of "quellow dog" fund fame, is removed that a month.

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